

Public Hearing: 3/24/03

F A C T S H E E T

TITLE: Resolution to approve the Agreement with LPSNRD to maintain the City's Wetland Mitigation Bank

SPONSOR: Public Works and Utilities

OPPONENTS: None

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:
None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
For

APPLICANT: Public Works and Utilities

REASON FOR LEGISLATION:

To provide management of City's Wetland Mitigation Bank by the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District

D I S C U S S I O N

This agreement provides for management of the City's Wetland Mitigation Bank located just northwest of the intersection of Cornhusker Highway (U.S. HWY 6) and North 98th Street. The property consists of 189 acres. The City of Lincoln is responsible for construction and maintenance of the wetland mitigation bank. The goal of the bank is to provide mitigation bank credit needs for the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County for the next 10 to 20 years.

The restoration objective of the bank is to re-establish self-sustaining saline and freshwater wetland systems that require only minor human intervention. The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District has staff that are familiar with maintaining wetlands and will perform typical maintenance such as mowing, inspection, maintaining fences, controlling noxious weeds and woody vegetation, managing upland grass lands, and performing major repairs due to natural disasters.

POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE: No

COST OF TOTAL PROJECT: \$17,500
(\$3,500/year for five years with provisions for renewal)

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

CITY: \$17,500

NON CITY: \$0

BENEFIT COST:

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